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Rep. Mike Pompeo  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Pompeo:

Thank you for your letter concerning waste, fraud, and abuse in the Universal Service Lifeline program. Like you and many of our colleagues, I have often called upon the FCC to adopt meaningful reforms to the program to address concerns and to cap program's spending consistent with the treatment of other Universal Service programs.

Given the enforcement action taken against Total Call Mobile, I agree that this most recent allegation of fraud, coupled with what appears to be a lack of prompt action on the part of the Commission, warrants the additional scrutiny of the Committee.

Accordingly, I have instructed Committee staff to begin an investigation of the Lifeline program consistent with your recommendation. As you so aptly observe, such action is necessary to ensure not only that ratepayer dollars are responsibly spent but also to ensure the long-term effectiveness of the program for those that truly need the assistance.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,



Fred Upton  
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